

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A dialog method for dialog between an operator of an aircraft and at least one system of the aircraft, comprising the steps of:

displaying on a display at least one window including a plurality of responsive objects respectively associated with one of multiple functions of the at least one system of the aircraft;

moving a cursor in a continuous manner on the display so as to designate a responsive object; and

moving the cursor in a discrete manner on the display, responsive object by responsive object, so as to designate a responsive object.

2. The dialog method according to claim 1,

wherein the step of moving the cursor in the continuous manner on the display is performed with a control ball on a mouse, and

wherein the step of moving the cursor in the discrete manner on the display is performed with an arrow key on a keyboard.

3. The dialog method according to claim 1, further comprising:

activating a function associated with the responsive object designated by the step of moving the cursor in the continuous manner on the display, and

activating a function associated with the responsive object designated by the step of moving the cursor in the discrete manner on the display.

4. The dialog method according to claim 3,

wherein the step of activating the function associated with the responsive object designated by the step of moving the cursor in the continuous manner on the display is performed with a key on a mouse, and

wherein the step of activating the function associated with the responsive object designated by the step of moving the cursor in the discrete manner on the display is performed with an Enter key on a keyboard.

5. The dialog method according to claim 1,

wherein the at least one window includes a plurality of windows, and

wherein the method further includes the step of moving the cursor discretely from one window to another window in the plurality of windows.

6. The dialog method according to claim 5,

wherein each window is divided into a plurality of fields each including at least one responsive object, and

wherein said each window includes one default field on which the cursor arrives after moving from said one window to said another window.

7. The dialog method according to claim 6,

wherein each default field includes one default responsive object.

8. The dialog method according to claim 5,

wherein the step of moving from said one window to said another window is performed with a Tab key on a keyboard.

9. The dialog method according to claim 1,

wherein the step of moving the cursor in the discrete manner on the display is activated during an emergency mode of the aircraft.

10. The dialog method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

automatically moving the cursor to a responsive object via a single action by the operator.

11. The dialog method according to claim 1,

wherein the step of moving the cursor in the continuous manner on the display is performed with a mouse and the step of moving the cursor in the discrete manner on the display is performed with a keyboard.

12. The dialog method according to claim 1,

wherein the step of moving the cursor in the discrete manner on the display moves the cursor discretely on the display, responsive object by responsive object, in a cyclical manner.

13. The dialog method according to claim 1,
wherein the display includes a plurality of displays, and
wherein the method further includes the step of moving the cursor from one display to
another display in the plurality of displays means.

14. The dialog method according to claim 13,
wherein the at least one window includes a plurality of windows, each window being
divided into a plurality of fields each including at least one responsive object, and
wherein each display includes one default field situated on one of the plurality of
windows, and on which the cursor arrives after moving from said one display to said another
display.

15. The dialog method according to claim 13,
wherein the cursor is moved from said one display to said another display via one of a
key on a mouse and a key on a keyboard.

16. The dialog method according to claim 1,
wherein the display includes eight displays, of which three displays are for a pilot of
the aircraft, three other displays are for the copilot of the aircraft, and two displays are for
common use by the pilot and copilot of the aircraft.